

ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 15th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in prayer for healing for all the people on our Prayer Chain, given by Mike and Jessie Henneman (2 vases); and in loving memory of Ernie Bollinger on his 92nd birthday, given by his wife, Marge.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

11-8-20: In-Person: 71 Online: 44 Total: 115

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Norm Schumaker – St. Charles

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Mary Ann Davies, Joyce Yard, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins & their parents, Theresa Jurrus, Nick Sass, Jessica, Arlene, Mark Murphy, Keith, Lisa, & Sawyer Mullen, Delores Heilman, Family of Lee Antoine, Bea Kline, Ada Kreger, Family of Bonnie Lutzmann, Norm Schumaker, Family of Michelle Stanberry, Donna Wierdo

Ongoing Concerns: Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name given), Karen Bless, Mitchell Broyles, Scotty Broyles, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler & family, Chiara Del-Mace, Ann Dudics, Emmalyn (no last name given), Cory Folk, Karen Frey, Jean Fry, Paulette Giaimo, Kathleen Gingrich, Grace Harris Greenbank, Joan & Marty Hanshew, Toni Henline, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Phyllis Kelly, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Heidi LeGrand, Carol Lorenzen, Darlene Lorenzen, Teresa McFarland, Joyce Martin, Donald Meyer, Dave Miller, Sue Moszkowicz, Angie Noe, Joyce Ostapowicz, Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, Steven Riegler, Logan Roberts, Skylar (no last name given), Julie Swanson, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Jane Vargo, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Barb West, Bill Wiener, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR NOV. 15 – NOV. 21

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship
	10:30 am	- Virtual JAM Sunday School for 1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Graders
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting via Zoom

WELCOME to worship this morning. Although things are different now and not what we want them to be, please remember that Jesus is still the same—yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to increased cases of Covid-19 in Lucas County, we are returning to no corporate singing or spoken responses. Dr. Tony and Annette Slater and Praise Singers (on alternate Sundays) will provide music. The service will be recorded and published to the website.

THANK YOU: As we move toward the end of this Pentecost season and continue to gather in worship in special ways to consider what it means to be the Church, I thank God for you and for the faithfulness in ministry that is evident in so many ways at First St. John. Your recent gifts of \$560 and \$25 to our Genacross Lutheran Services Toledo ministry, as well as other gifts we have received in the past, is strong evidence of your “sharing the gospel” with us. May God keep you safe and well in these challenging times. -- *Dr. Jim Dumke, VP for Mission Integration, Genacross Lutheran Services*

QUILTING GROUP NEWS: We recently distributed 167 quilts to these charities: Toledo Schools (for the homeless), Dialysis Center, Oregon Dialysis, Monroe Bed Ministry, Mom’s House, YWCA shelter, Genacross, Bethany House, The Cocoon Shelter (for domestic abuse victims), the Beach House, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Monroe Chapter-supplies beds for children). A BIG thank you goes to Penny DeWitt and Lee Wagner who distributed all the quilts! Thank you also to everyone who came out and quilted this year. Check your *January* newsletter and upcoming December bulletins for information on how we will be quilting next year (due to Covid concerns).

EGGLESTON-MEINERT-PAVLEY CALENDARS for 2021 are in the Narthex if you’d like to take one.

DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES NEXT SUNDAY!! A few shoeboxes will be in the Narthex, but we encourage you to use your own this year. (**NOTE:** Hobby Lobby stores have plastic Operation Christmas Child boxes available for \$2.99, which is nice because you don't have to wrap them.) **The last day to turn in boxes will be Sunday, November 22nd (no exceptions).** You can bring your box to in-person worship or drop it off during the week (call the office when you arrive.) This year, you can also build a "virtual shoebox" on the Operation Christmas Child website. To see how to do this, go online to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM: With the spike in Covid cases, many schools are returning to hybrid or virtual learning. Our Day School offers a program for school age students (K-3) that runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day with the option to add additional hours. We provide space for students to complete their online studies, along with Christian-based activities when students finish their work. A tutor is available, but the computers, curriculum and school work is provided by the child's regular classroom teacher. A morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack is also provided. Cost is \$35 per day per child, with any additional time at \$4.50 per hour. If your child is new to this program a \$50 registration fee may be required. Each class is separated into its own group and will not interact with other classrooms. We also follow all CDC cleaning protocols and frequent hand washing schedules. An enrollment form can be found on the school's website at <https://firststjohndayschool.org/enrollment/> (scroll all the way to the bottom of the page). You can either email (fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com) or directly mailed to the school.

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today at 10:30 am our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students will have a live Zoom lesson. If you miss the live lesson, it will be posted later on our church website at www.firststjohn.com. Lessons will be on a staggered schedule. You can sign up your children any time! If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Paul at 419-350-3364 or Debbie Ladd at 419-250-1460.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED! Currently, no one has signed up for altar flowers for the next several Sundays. If you would like to order flowers for the altar for Sunday worship, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 and she will record your message for the Sunday you choose. Vases are \$15; you can mail your check to the church office.

8th GRADE CATECHISM NEWS: Our next class session will be November 22nd at 11:30 a.m. We will also meet on December 6th & 20th before breaking for Christmas. We will begin again on January 3rd, then meet every other Sunday from 11:30 – 1:00.

NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED: Please consider donating a small portion of your time (mostly just one hour a month) to First St. John. We need new council members for Property Management, Elders, Finance Committee, Sunday School Board, and Day School Board. Please contact Mark Ackerman at 419-345-6934 or the office at 419-691-7222 if you are interested or have questions.

IN-PERSON COMMITTEE MEETINGS: We still can hold in-person meetings **IF** the following are met: Groups must be no more than 10 people, everyone wears a mask, **AND** everyone must sit 6 feet apart for **proper social distancing**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

ONLINE GIVING: If you'd still like to consider online giving to the church, go to www.firststjohn.com and click on "Stewardship & Giving" to sign up for the Vanco program. (If you need help, contact Lisa Anderson at 419-392-3712). Thank you so much for continuing to support First St. John in these times.

PART-TIME POSITION HELPING ADA KREGER: Ada's grandson Jonathan needs someone to help her during the day while he's at work. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222 and we'll put you in touch with him.

HATS, MITTENS, GLOVES COLLECTION FOR ALL AGES: The Personal Needs Pantry is collecting hats, mittens and gloves to distribute to our clients during the upcoming winter season. We need items for men, women and children of all ages. If you are able to donate, please place your items in the pantry drawer or the green tub that are both located in the Narthex (lobby) of the church. We will take donations throughout the winter season. Thank you in advance for your help!

THE NEED IS GREAT -- OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

BIRTHDAY FOR JESUS PROJECT: Honor the Savior by sharing his story! Join the Gideons International in donating Bibles to people around the world. Twenty-five dollars will provide 5 Bibles, \$50 for 10 Bibles, etc. Envelopes for this project can be found in the Narthex (lobby). If you'd like to donate online, please go to www.BirthdayForJesus.org. If you have questions, you can call the Gideons International toll free at 1-866-382-4253 or see Mark Ackerman. Thank you!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS: As of this printing we still do not have the family contact information or their Christmas wish lists. As soon as we have them, we will send out an email with the lists. The deadline for turning in gifts was supposed to be Sunday, December 6th, but we'll try to get it extended. ***New Way to Sign Up:*** To help ensure safe distancing, gift suggestions will not be on paper ornaments in the Narthex as in previous years. Instead, they will be listed in the announcements and also emailed to our local members. If you can help by purchasing a gift or two, please contact the church office and let Toni know which gift(s) you plan to buy. Then please bring your gift to church OR drop it off at the Educational Building during office hours. **IMPORTANT:** You must contact the church office at 419-691-7222 before buying the gift in order to avoid double purchasing. Thank you so much for helping make the holidays a little brighter for two families this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF LUCAS COUNTY: Because the congregation has been so giving in the past, we have a really easy opportunity to give gifts to the children of Lucas County Children Services via an Amazon Wish list that is totally contactless and has an extensive list of price options. Anything purchased will be sent directly to Lucas County Children Services. If you can help, here is the link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3D0X40GC7EOJO?ref=wl_share

The following are all separate projects benefitting residents of Genacross.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GENACROSS RESIDENTS' CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Sabrene Clair, a member of First St. John, invites you to join her this Christmas in pampering the Genacross residents with Mary Kay products. On December 11th, all items will be adorned with a festive flare and delivered to the residents. Sixty products will be purchased to create 12 sets for 12 residents. Each set will contain five items; a pampering hand set, lotion for feet & legs with fuzzy socks, body lotion, fragrance and lipstick. We need your help providing monetary donations to go toward these 60 items for the residents (the amount is up to you). Ways to provide a donation to Sabrene are as follows: Venmo - SabreneClair-2; PayPal - brene80@hotmail.com; cash; credit Card; or check (made payable to Sabrene Clair). If you have questions, please contact her at brene80@hotmail.com or 419-343-3955 (texts are acceptable). Thank you so much for helping to make a special day for Genacross residents.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR GENACROSS ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: With Covid rising, the only visits permitted are 30-minutes at restricted times three days a week. These elderly residents are sad and lonely because of all these restrictions. Let's spread some Christmas cheer. Many items such as fleece throws, lip balm, calendars, puzzle books, lotion, etc. have already been purchased, but we'd like to create 40 gift bags (31 women and 9 men currently are in Assisted Living) and we need your help to complete the gift bags. If you can donate toward this cause, please contact LuAnn Spoerl (419-836-1651) or Pam Beavers (419-691-3929) so they can let you know what is still needed. All items need to be turned in either at Church or to LuAnn or Pam by December 1st. Thank you.

GENACROSS TOLEDO CAMPUS – ADOPT-A-RESIDENT: Genacross is again asking for our help in adopting residents for Christmas. This year, they are asking for help filling gift bags for the residents. Items needed include: hard candy, sugar-free candy, candy bars (no nuts), puzzle books, coloring books, colored pencils, seasonal window clings, non-slip socks, combs/brushes, stationery, stamps, pens, lip balm, fleece throws, stuffed animals, 2021 room calendars, wafer cookies (regular and sugar free), jigsaw puzzles, shampoo, head bands/barrettes, lotion, shaving cream, shampoo. (No other food than what is on the list, please.) Please return gifts to the facility by Friday, December 11th at the main lobby screening table. Please place a tag on your gift to indicate whether it's for a man or a woman. For questions, call Diane Cline at 419-724-1739. Thank you!